



AY/1765
Btw

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

Inventors: DeOrnellas, et al.

SC/Serial No.: 10/045,318

Confirm. No.: 3120

Filed: November 9, 2001

Title: METHOD FOR USING A HARD MASK FOR
CRITICAL DIMENSION GROWTH
CONTAINMENT

PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 1765

Examiner: L. Umez Eronini

Customer No. 23910

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited in the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 7, 2004

Thomas A. Ward (Attorney Signature)
Thomas A. Ward, Reg. 35,732
Signature Date: September 7, 2004

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 53 and 57 as shown in the listing of claims beginning of the following page.